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“U.S. Military Operations in Iraq: Planning, Combat, and Occupation”

November 2, 2005

Conference Information

You are cordially invited to a conference co-hosted by the Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies of The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and The Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) of the United States Army War College on “U.S. Military Operations in Iraq: Planning, Combat, and Occupation.” The one-day conference, scheduled for November 2, 2005, will take place in the Kenney Auditorium of Johns Hopkins SAIS at 1740 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. Lunch will be served for conference attendees. There is no fee to attend any part of the event.

Pre-registration is required no later than October 26th. You may register via fax or regular mail (using the attached form) or send the requested information in an email to cmata@jhu.edu.

Directions to SAIS, which is located near Dupont Circle, are posted on the website. Several parking lots may be found within walking distance of SAIS (on Massachusetts Avenue and 17th Streets, in particular). Unfortunately, SAIS does not have any parking available for guests.

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- 9:00 - 9:15** **Welcome and Introduction**
- 9:15 – 10:00** **Keynote Speaker**
- 10:00 - 11:30** **Session 1: Defeating the Iraqi Regime**
“American Anabasis: the United States Army's Entry into War in Iraq”
MAJ Isaiah Wilson, USA, Professor of Politics, Policy, and Strategy, U.S. Military Academy
- “Speed Kills? Reassessing the Role of Speed, Precision, and Situation Awareness in the Fall of Saddam”
Dr. Stephen Biddle, Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College
- “Air Power and the ‘Afghan Model’”
Dr. Richard Andres, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies
- 11:30 - 12:30** **Lunch**
- 12:30 - 2:00** **Session 2: Reconstructing Iraq**
“Too Much Phase IV Planning: Coordinating Theater Plans”
Dr. Conrad Crane, Director, US Army Military History Institute
- “Phase IV Perspectives from the Pentagon and the Palace”
LTC Richard Lacquement, USA, Development Team Chief, Leader Development Division, U.S. Army Human Resources Command
- “Military and Civilian Interaction in Postwar Iraq”
Dr. Nora Bensahel, Senior Political Scientist, Rand Corporation, Washington
- 2:00 - 2:15** **Break**
- 2:15 – 3:45** **Session 3: Countering the Insurgency**
“Leaving in Order to Win?”
Dr. Kalev Sepp, Assistant Professor in the Department of Defense Analysis, Center on Terrorism & Irregular Warfare, Naval Post-Graduate School
- “Civil Affairs Operations to Counter Insurgency”
COL John Ballard, USMCR, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict
- “Suppressing the Shi'a Rebellion: The Battle for Karbala, April-May 2004”
COL Pete Mansoor, USA, Senior Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
- 3:45 - 5:00** **Session 4: Lessons, Controversies, and Questions**
Commentators:
LTG Mick Trainor, USMC (Ret.)
Mr. Tom Ricks, Visiting Fellow, International Security Program (Iraq), CSIS; Military Correspondent (on leave), The Washington Post